



Equality Forum

Agenda and Reports

For consideration on

Thursday, 12th April 2012

In the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley

At 6.30 pm

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Dear Councillor

03 April 2012

EQUALITY FORUM - THURSDAY, 12TH APRIL 2012

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Equality Forum to be held in the Lancastrian, Town Hall, Chorley on Thursday, 12th April 2012 commencing at 6.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

3. **Minutes (Pages 1 - 12)**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2012 (enclosed).

4. **Lancashire Teaching Hospitals - our Approach to Equality and Diversity**

Stephanie Iaconianni, the Equality and Diversity lead officer for Lancashire Teaching Hospitals will give a presentation.

What is the purpose of this item?

The purpose is to describe Lancashire Teaching Hospitals commitment to equality and diversity and how this will be implemented in the Trust to provide quality for patients and service users

Questions for the Forum

How can the Trust meet the needs of patients and service users in the Chorley area, taking into consideration the 9 equality protected characteristics? Suggest ideas on how the Trust can consult effectively with patients, service users and the local community.

What are we going to do with the information?

The information provided will be considered by the Trust's Equality and Diversity Strategy Group and where appropriate implemented in areas identified.

Consultation will be published on the Trust's website.

Stephanie Iaconianni can be contacted on email Stephanie.IACONIANNI@lthtr.nhs.uk

5. **Domestic Violence**

Heather Corson, Community Safety Officer – Vulnerability, form South Ribble Borough Council, will present this item.

What is the purpose of this item?

To raise awareness of the impact of domestic abuse within diverse groups

Questions for the Forum?

How to work more inclusive with diverse groups.

What are we going to do with the information?

Ensure that attendees will have access to helplines and specialist agencies.

Heather Corson can be contacted on 01772 625577 or email HCorson@southribble.gov.uk .

6. **Rural Housing Needs Survey - results**

Mick Coogan, Strategic Housing Officer for Chorley Council will present this item.

What is the purpose of this item?

With Rurality being one of Chorley Council's equality strands we thought it important that the Equality Forum is made aware of the study and its findings.

Questions for the Forum?

Any comments regarding the study and rural housing need are welcome from the forum.

What are we going to do with the information?

The information from the study will be able to be assist on future decisions for residential developments in rural parishes in Chorley however planning policy will always take precedence

Mick Coogan can be contacted on 01257 515552 or email mick.coogan@chorley.gov.uk

7. **Draft Prevention of Homelessness Strategy**

Mick Coogan, the Strategic Housing Officer for Chorley Council will present this item.

What is the purpose of this item?

To make the forum aware of the document, its aims and priorities.

Questions for the Forum?

To seek comments on the document, particular if any equality strand may be perceived as possibly being impacted in a positive or negative way

What are we going to do with the information?

It will help inform the Integrated impact Assessment and the final draft of the Prevention of Homelessness Strategy

Mick Coogan can be contacted on 01257 515552 or email mick.coogan@chorley.gov.uk

8. **Social Isolation Task and Finish Group**

Chris Sinnott. Head of Policy and Communications for Chorley Council will present this item.

What is the purpose of this item?

This item will provide an update to the Forum on the key findings and outcomes of the first meeting of the Social Isolation Task and Finish Group, held on 1 March 2012, along with proposed next steps.

Questions for the Forum?

There are no specific questions for the Forum but if members have any additional contributions or have different experiences of social isolation that they would like to offer, they should contact vicky.willett@chorley.gov.uk.

What happens next?

The task and finish group will meet again to develop this work and a further update will be provided at the next Equality Forum.

Should you require more information contact Vicky Willett on 01257 515348 or email vicky.willett@chorley.gov.uk.

9. **Update on Equality Objectives**

Chris Sinnott, Head of Policy and Communications for Chorley Council will present this item.

What is the purpose of this item?

This item is to inform members of the Forum that in line with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010, the Council have now published Equality Information and Objectives on the Council website.

Questions for the Forum?

There are no specific questions for the Forum although any comments can be made by contacting vicky.willett@chorley.gov.uk

What happens next?

We will keep Forum members up to date with this area of work and ensure that they are aware of the Council's activity in relation to the Equality Act 2010.

Should you require more information contact Vicky Willett on 01257 515348 or email vicky.willett@chorley.gov.uk. The information and objectives have now been published on our website here: <http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3774>

10. **Open Forum to discuss any issues for each equality strand**

- a) Age
- b) Disability
- c) Gender Reassignment
- d) Pregnancy and Maternity
- e) Race
- f) Religion and Belief
- g) Rurality
- h) Sex
- i) Sexual Orientation

11. **Notices / Feedback / Publicity**

Members of the Forum are welcome to inform other members of upcoming event, give feedback or notices.

12. **Any other item(s) that the Chair decides is/are urgent**

13. **Dates of Future Meetings**

The dates for future meetings of the Equality Forum have been confirmed as::

- Thursday, 5 July 2012
- Tuesday, 9 October 2012
- Monday, 21 January 2013
- Tuesday, 16 April 2013

All meetings will commence at 6.30pm and will be held in the Lancastrian Room, Town Hall, Chorley unless otherwise stated on the agenda.

14. **Networking break**

Yours sincerely



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2. Agenda and reports to Chris Sinnott (Head of Policy and Communications), Victoria Willett (Partnership Officer (maternity cover)), Cathryn Filbin (Democratic and Member Services Officer), Val Hall (BSL Interpreter), Tracy Gibson (BSL Interpreter), Gary Hall (Chief Executive) and Catherine Moxon (BSL Interpreter) for attendance.
3. Agenda and reports to Members of the Equality Forum for attendance.

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